

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Patti Harrington
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: February 6, 2009

ACTION: R277-477-3 *Distribution of Funds from the School Trust Lands Account and Administration of the School LAND Trust Program, Section 3, Distribution of Funds - Determination of Proportionate Share* (Amended)

Background: The School Trust Lands Account provides funding to local schools through the School LAND Trust Program. Local school community councils prepare four plans for the use of these funds: 1) school improvement plan 2) reading achievement plan 3) professional development plan and 4) child access routing plan. School plans require approval by district or charter school governing boards of education. Local control of these funds is an essential guiding principle in the implementation of this program.

Proposal: R277-477-3 is being amended to ensure that local school community councils and governing boards of education have the entire flexibility provided in statute to determine the uses of these funds in ways which best serve local needs.

Anticipated Action: It is recommended that the Law and Policy Committee approve the amended section of the rule, R277-477-3 *Distribution of Funds - Determination of Proportionate Share* on first reading and that the Board approve the amended section on second reading.

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